

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A drum of a washing machine, comprising:
an opening confronting a door;
a rear wall provided opposite to the opening, the rear wall having a circumferential portion protruding more outward than a central portion; ~~and~~
a circumferential wall between the opening and the rear wall; and
a spider attached to an outside of the rear wall, wherein the outside of the rear wall has a curved surface and the outside of the rear wall is in tight contact with a whole surface of the spider opposed to the outside of the rear wall.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A drum assembly of a washing machine, comprising:
a drum including a rear wall having a circumferential portion protruding more outward than a central portion;
a spider attached to an outside of the rear wall; and

a driving shaft connected to the spider, wherein the outside of the rear wall is in tight contact with a whole surface of the spider opposed to the outside of the rear wall.

4. (Original) The drum assembly as claimed in claim 3, wherein the circumferential portion and the central portion are connected to be slant.

5. (Original) The drum assembly as claimed in claim 3, wherein the rear wall is uniform in thickness.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The drum assembly as claimed in claim 3, wherein an edge part of the spider coupled with the circumferential portion of the rear wall is thinner than a central part of the spider connected to the driving shaft.

8. (Currently Amended) A washing machine comprising:
a cabinet;
a tub in the cabinet;
a drum including a rear wall having a circumferential portion protruding more outward than a central portion;

a spider attached to an outside of the rear wall;

a driving shaft connected to the spider; and

a motor provided in the cabinet to be connected to the driving shaft, wherein the outside of the rear wall is in tight contact with a whole surface of the spider opposed to the outside of the rear wall.

9. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 8, wherein the circumferential portion and the central portion are connected to be slant.

10. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 8, wherein the rear wall is uniform in thickness.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 8, wherein an edge part of the spider coupled with the circumferential portion of the rear wall is thinner than a central part of the spider connected to the driving shaft.

13. (Original) The washing machine as claimed in claim 8, wherein a circumferential part of a rear side of the tub protrudes more outward than a central part of the rear side of the tub penetrated by the driving shaft.